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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re:

PG&E CORPORATION,

- and -

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Debtors.

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
☒ Affects both Debtors

** All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,
No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

**TREES, LLC'S OBJECTION AND
RESERVATION OF RIGHTS RE
ASSUMPTION OF PURPORTED
EXECUTORY CONTRACTS
PURSUANT TO THE PLAN AND
PROPOSED CURE AMOUNTS**

Related Docket No. 7037

Trees, LLC ("Trees") objects to the proposed assumption of any purported executory contracts entered into between Trees and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the "Utility"), and reserves all rights. As grounds therefor, Trees respectfully states as follows:

1 1. The captioned debtors (“Debtors”) filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions on January 29,
2 2019 (“Petition Date”).

3 2. Prepetition, Trees provided various services to the Utility in connection with the
4 Utility’s operations (the “Pre-petition Services”).

5 3. Trees has filed a general unsecured proof of claim against the Utility in the amount of
6 \$110,975.56 for amounts due and owing in connection with the Pre-Petition Services, assigned Claim
7 No. 8070 (the “Pre-Petition Services Claim”).¹

8 4. In addition, Trees has filed a contingent, unliquidated general unsecured proof of claim
9 against the Utility for, inter alia, indemnity and contribution related to the Pre-Petition Services,
10 assigned Claim No. 97048, as amended (the “Indemnity Claim”).

11 5. On May 1, 2020, the Debtors filed their Notice of Filing of Plan Supplement in
12 Connection with Debtors’ and Shareholder Proponents’ Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Dated
13 March 16, 2020 [Dkt #7037] (“Plan Supplement”).

14 6. Exhibit B to the Plan Supplement is entitled “Schedule of Executory Contracts and
15 Unexpired Leases to be Assumed Pursuant to the Plan and Proposed Cure Amounts” (“Exhibit B
16 Schedule”).

17 7. The Exhibit B Schedule states that any proofs of claim related to any purported
18 executory contracts that the Debtors assume – including any claims for contractual indemnification
19 related to such contracts – will be deemed disallowed as of the plan’s effective date.

20 8. In particular, paragraph 8 of the Exhibit B Schedule provides, in part, that “[o]n the
21 Effective Date of the Plan, any proofs of Claim filed with respect to an executory contract or unexpired
22 lease that has been assumed, or assumed and assigned, under the Plan ***shall be deemed disallowed and***
23 ***expunged, without further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.***”
24 (emphasis added)

25 9. Paragraph 13 of the Exhibit B Schedule, in turn, provides, “Except as set forth in
26 Section 8.4 of the Plan with respect to the D&O Indemnity Obligations, the assumption by the Debtors

27 ¹ Further information concerning the Pre-Petition Services can be found in the Rider attached to the Pre-Petition Services
28 Claim.

1 or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, of all other executory contracts or unexpired leases pursuant
2 to the Plan shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any and all contingent pre-petition
3 indemnification obligations arising under the terms of any such agreements and ***any proof of Claim***
4 ***premised on a pre-petition contractual indemnification obligation alleged to be owed by the Debtors***
5 ***or Reorganized Debtors shall be deemed disallowed and discharged on the Effective Date, without***
6 ***further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.***” (emphasis added)

7 10. While Trees does not appear to be listed in the spreadsheet attached to the Exhibit B
8 Schedule, other entities providing tree trimming services are listed, and paragraph 5 to the Exhibit B
9 Schedule states that even if a counter-party to a purported executory contract is not listed in the
10 spreadsheet, the party may still have one or more contracts subject to assumption pursuant to the

11 Exhibit B Schedule:

12 As a matter of administrative convenience, in certain instances the Debtors may have
13 listed the original parties to certain of the Agreements listed in the Schedule of
14 Assumed Contracts without taking into account any succession of trustees or any other
15 transfers or assignments from one party to another. ***The fact that the current parties***
to any particular Agreements may not be named in the Schedule of Assumed
Contracts is not intended to change the treatment of such Agreements.”

16 (emphasis added)

17 11. Accordingly, it is unknown whether the Debtors contend that Trees is listed under some
18 other name, per paragraph 5 of the Exhibit B Schedule.

19 12. Notwithstanding any purported executory contracts between Trees and the Utility that
20 the Debtors may contend exist, Trees did not have any executory contracts with the Utility as of the
21 Petition Date. All contracts entered into between Trees and the Utility had been terminated prior to
22 the Petition Date.²

23 13. Accordingly, there are no executory contracts between Trees and the Utility for the
24 Debtors to assume.

25 14. Assuming for argument’s sake that there is one or more executory contracts between
26 Trees and the Utility subject to assumption through the Exhibit B Schedule – in particular, any

27 ² Anthony Principi, President of Trees, signed Trees’ proofs of claim, and can provide evidence in support of this
28 objection, as necessary.

1 “hidden” contract that may be listed under the name of some other entity, then (i) the appropriate cure
2 amount is the full amount of the Prepetition Services Claim, and (ii) the Indemnity Claim should not
3 be disallowed.

4 15. As to this latter point, a counter-party to an executory contract should not lose its
5 contractual indemnity rights when the Debtors assume the contract. Indeed, if the Debtors assume a
6 contract, then the counter-parties should have the benefit of all rights that they are entitled to under
7 the contract. Accordingly, assuming there is an executory contract with Trees subject to assumption,
8 Trees should not lose the benefit of the Indemnity Claim.

9 16. Trees files this objection as a protective measure to preserve all rights and remedies,
10 including, but not limited to, the right to payment in full of the Pre-Petition Services Claim (whether
11 as a cure claim or a prepetition claim) and preservation of the Indemnity Claim.

12 17. Moreover, Trees reserves all of its rights, claims, defenses, and remedies regarding the
13 Exhibit B Schedule, including the right to amend, modify, or supplement this Objection. Nothing in
14 this Objection should be construed as a release or waiver of any claim, right, or remedy that Trees has
15 under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law.

16 **WHEREFORE**, for the reasons stated above, Trees objects to the assumption of any purported
17 executory contract that the Debtors contend exist between Trees and the Utility, and reserves all rights.

18 Dated: May 15, 2020

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